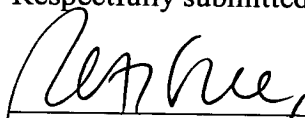


In this amendment, claim 6 is cancelled without prejudice and claim 1 is amended. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification and original claims. For example, Kex 2 enzymatic activity is disclosed at page 2, lines 23-26. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 7-10 are pending and at issue.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a determination to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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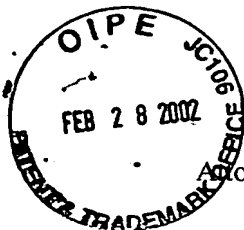
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1. (Amended) A method for producing Factor VII comprising (a) cultivation of a mammalian cell line comprising a DNA sequence encoding a yeast-derived endoprotease having Kex2 enzymatic activity [or a derivative thereof] and a DNA sequence encoding Factor VII (FVII) in a suitable culture medium, under conditions in which both said endoprotease and said FVII are expressed; and (b) isolation of Factor VII from the medium.



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